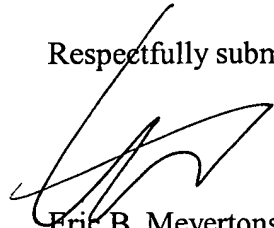




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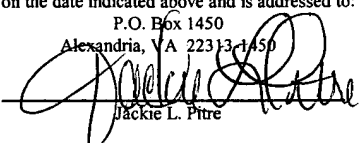
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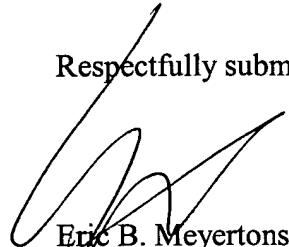
Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance and/or Applicant believes that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance is incomplete.

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art does not teach or suggest the combinations of features set forth in the Applicant's claims. By way of nonlimiting example, Applicant submits the cited references do not appear to teach or suggest at least a lumen which is flexible relative to the catheter body and has a plurality of openings to allow fluid to flow through the lumen such that the velocity of the fluid flow through the lumen is minimized.

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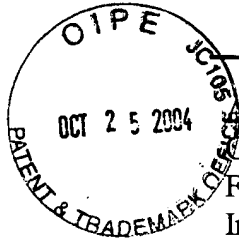
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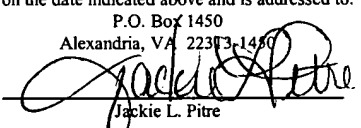
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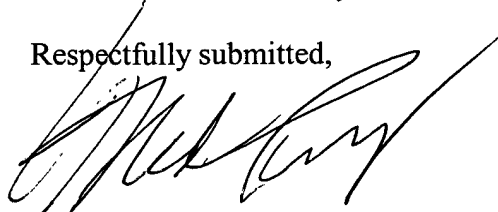
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**EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Applicant's agent (Neal E. Persky, Reg. No. 53,452) conducted a phone interview with Examiner L.H. Thanh on August 24, 2004. In the interview, Examiner Thanh and Applicant's agent discussed and error in the Notice of Allowance as regards Applicant's claims (Application No.: 09/707,487). Applicant's agent respectfully noted that claim 37 was not allowed, however, claim 37 was never cancelled. Examiner Thanh agreed that the Notice of Allowance was in error and agreed to issue a Supplementary Notice of Allowance noting the allowance of claim 37 in addition to the already allowed claims. Examiner Thanh also agreed to issue an Interview Summary explaining the reason for the issuance of the Supplementary Notice of Allowance.

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